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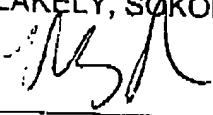
The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed July 26, 2002. The applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the corrected "marked up copy" of claims in order to cure the defects associated with a Response to Office Action that was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 15, 2002 for the present application. Reconsideration of the application and the allowance of claims 1 through 5, 7, 9 through 14, 16 and 18 through 49 is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,

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